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### **State Inmate Escapes From Private Prison in Florence, AZ**

Christopher Breiland, 36, escaped from Florence West, a private prison, in Florence AZ.

At approximately 8:00 a.m. on May 4, GEO staff notified the Arizona Department of Corrections that an ADC-issued orange pants and blood was found on the perimeter fence.

The facility was locked down and an emergency count was taken confirming that an escape had occurred.

The department has deployed search and canine tracking teams and ADC investigators are on site. State and local law enforcement has been notified.

Breiland was sentenced to ADC in 1997 to serve a total of 6.5 years for three felony counts – theft (dangerous, repetitive, and enhanced), misconduct involving a weapon and forgery. He was due to be released December 30, 2006.

Breiland is a Caucasian male 5' 9" and weighs 160 lbs. He has brown eyes and brown hair. He has a cross tattooed on his left shoulder.

The GEO Group Inc. is based in Boca Raton, Florida. It acquired Correctional Services Corporation (CSC) in 2005. CSC operates Florence West and Phoenix West.